

Inarching:

Inarching or approach grafting is also a satisfactory way to transfer a wanted variety from a small container plant to a large yard plant that has proved unsatisfactory and that you plan to replace. In this way, you may put two or more varieties on a single large plant, thus conserving space while you add to your collection. When you use the old well established root systems you also gain the time that would have been used in raising small plants from scratch to a like size.

Miscellaneous:

Several so called blue varieties have recently come into Florida from Hawaiian sources. While none of them are true spectrum blue, they still are definitely unusual in coloring. Some of them are ruffled and marked with pink or red. When they are better known they should be in demand by collectors of the unusual. Some of these varieties are- VIOLET, HALE BLUE, INES BLUE, ALA MOANA, MISS WAIKIKI AND KUNIA BEAUTY. Watch for these at future shows.

For some reason some varieties will have an apparently good seed pod suddenly develop another bloom from the inside and split the pod. This has been noted in Hawaiian reports and also several Florida varieties do the same, notably Dr. Dupuis. Possibly some reader can give a botanical explanation.

PERSONALITIES

Kathleen Danielson, our Director at Large from Mississippi, was with us the week of July 7th. She reports hibiscus business is booming in her locality and that she is unable to supply the demand from her nursery. She recently received an order for 6000 plants for spring delivery.

Atwood Teagle, our past president, was speaker at the University of Florida Short Course for landscaping in June. His subject ???

Clarence Bass, commercial nurseryman from Miami and long active in American Hibiscus Society affairs, recently prepared an article for the American Horticultural Society Bulletin and it will appear in a future issue of our bulletin. We believe that this article, which incidentally is illustrated, will create more national interest in hibiscus.

Bruce Parnell, our President, is now caring for about 800 baby seedlings. Judging from his past success we hope that they can all reach maturity and the best of them released for propagation.

Ross Gast, is one of our best informed Hibiscus Specialists. We hope to publish a series of articles in our future bulletins explaining the care and originality with which Mr. Gast approaches his crosses. This should be of great interest to all hibiscus growers.

Mrs. William T. Nichols, of Alexandria, Virginia, is preparing an article on the subject of "Growing Hibiscus in the Home under fluorescent lights". This article will be published in a later bulletin.